

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

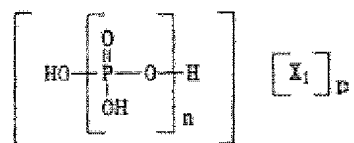
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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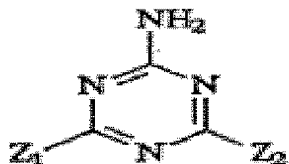
14. (currently amended) A flame retardant composition comprising:

(A) a phosphate compound (a) represented by general formula(1):



(1)

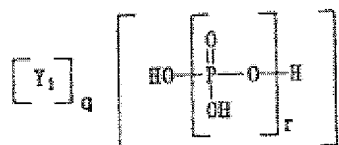
wherein n represents a number of 1 to 100; X_1 represents ammonia or a triazine derivative represented by formula (2) : and $0 < p \leq n+2$:



(2)

wherein Z_1 and Z_2 , which may be the same or different, each represents a group selected from the group consisting of $-NR_5R_6$ (wherein R_5 and R_6 , which may be the same or different, each represents a hydrogen atom, a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a methylol group), a hydroxy group, a mercapto group, a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched alkoxy group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, a phenyl group, and a vinyl group;

(B) a phosphate compound (b) represented by general formula (3):



(3)

wherein r represents a number of 1 to 100; Y_1 represents $[R_1R_2N(CH_2)_mNR_3R_4]$, piperazine or a diamine containing a piperazine ring; R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 , which may be the same or different, each represents a hydrogen atom or a straight-chain or branched alkyl

group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms; m represents an integer of 1 to 10; and $0 < q \leq r+2$;

(C) silicon dioxide

(D) at least one member selected from ~~higher~~ aliphatic carboxylic acids, metal salts of ~~higher~~ aliphatic carboxylic acid, ~~higher~~ fatty acid amide compounds, and esters between mono- or polyhydric alcohols and ~~higher~~ aliphatic carboxylic acids.

15. (previously presented) The flame retardant composition according to claim 14, wherein the compounding ratio of component (A) represented by general formula (1) to component (B) represented by general formula (3) is 20/80 to 60/40 by mass, and components (C) and (D) are each present in an amount of 0.01 to 10 parts by mass per 100 parts by mass of the total of components (A) and (B).

16. (previously presented) The flame retardant composition according to claim 14, wherein component (A) is melamine pyrophosphate of general formula (1) in which n is 2, p is 2, and X_1 is melamine of general formula (2) in which Z_1 and Z_2 are each $-NH_2$.

17. (previously presented) The flame retardant composition according to claim 14, wherein component (B) is a

piperazine polyphosphate of general formula (3) in which q is 1, and Y₁ is piperazine.

18. (previously presented) The flame retardant composition according to claim 17, wherein the piperazine polyphosphate is piperazine pyrophosphate.

19. (previously presented) The flame retardant composition according to claim 14, wherein the silicon dioxide as component (C) is hydrophobic silica.

20. (previously presented) The flame retardant composition according to claim 14, wherein component (D) is stearic acid.

21. (previously presented) The flame retardant composition according to claim 14, wherein component (D) is ethylenebis(stearamide).

22. (previously presented) A flame-retardant resin composition comprising a synthetic resin having incorporated therein the flame retardant composition according to claim 14.

23. (previously presented) The flame-retardant resin composition according to claim 22, wherein the flame retardant

composition is present in an amount of 5 to 50 parts by mass per 100 parts by mass of the synthetic resin.

24. (previously presented) The flame-retardant resin composition according to claim 22, wherein the synthetic resin is polyolefin resin.

25. (previously presented) The flame-retardant resin composition according to claim 24, wherein the polyolefin resin is polypropylene resin or polyethylene resin.

26. (previously presented) A flame-retardant resin composition comprising a synthetic resin having incorporated therein the flame retardant composition according to claim 15.

27. (previously presented) A flame-retardant resin composition comprising a synthetic resin having incorporated therein the flame retardant composition according to claim 16.

28. (previously presented) A flame-retardant resin composition comprising a synthetic resin having incorporated therein the flame retardant composition according to claim 17.

29. (previously presented) A flame-retardant resin composition comprising a synthetic resin having incorporated therein the flame retardant composition according to claim 18.

30. (previously presented) A flame-retardant resin composition comprising a synthetic resin having incorporated therein the flame retardant composition according to claim 19.

31. (previously presented) A flame-retardant resin composition comprising a synthetic resin having incorporated therein the flame retardant composition according to claim 20.

32. (previously presented) A flame-retardant resin composition comprising a synthetic resin having incorporated therein the flame retardant composition according to claim 21.